



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFIC

In re application of:

Hidenori OGATA et al.

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Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to December 25, 2002, the period for response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002. A check for \$920 is enclosed. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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